

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 7, 2006, in which claims 28-34 and 36-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. With this Amendment, independent claims 28 and 49 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-34 and 36-55 is requested.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Applicant's attorney, David R. Fairbairn, spoke with Examiner Todd Ingberg regarding this application. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 was discussed. The amendments made to claims 28 and 49 were also discussed. The opportunity to discuss the rejection and the proposed claim amendments was very helpful and appreciated.

With this Amendment, independent claims 28 and 49 have been amended to indicate that the component development tool not only generates a plurality of autonomous and compiled components, but also stores those components in computer readable form. Similarly, the description of the system development tool has been amended to include that the plurality of component instances and the links between those instances are stored in computer readable form. In addition, the system development tool has been amended to indicate that the links are hosted by the system development tool.

With these amendments to independent claims 28 and 49, the rejection of all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome. Claims 28-34 and 36-55 are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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